

House Resolution No. 3948

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exceptional citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Dennis Bampton of Saint Charles has attained considerable distinction as the manager of Saint Charles Flying Service, Incorporated, since 1974; and

Whereas, originally managing a campground at Lake of the Ozarks, Dennis Bampton accepted a challenge from his brother, Richard, to head a small Saint Charles County airport which at the time was embroiled in issues with the Internal Revenue Service; and

Whereas, since that inauspicious beginning thirty years ago, Dennis Bampton has watched his operation grow to include more than twenty airplanes and branch out to include aerial advertising, flight training, and a charter service; and

Whereas, today's Saint Charles Flying Service is known throughout the state for its flight training and as one of two Part 141 Schools in the state; and

Whereas, under the guidance of Dennis Bampton, Saint Charles Flying Service attracts students from across the country to its multi-engine training program; and

Whereas, a former United States Army helicopter pilot who no longer flies, Dennis Bampton oversees an aviation facility which also is home to yearly picnics, poker tournaments, and softball sponsorships; and

Whereas, Dennis Bampton has led Saint Charles Flying Service through the fuel crisis of the 1970s, the flood of 1993 which required the dispersal of its aircraft to safe havens all over the Saint Louis area, and the tragedy of September 11, 2001, which threatened to undermine the general aviation industry:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive, and ongoing career engaged in by Dennis Bampton as manager of Saint Charles Flying Service, Incorporated, and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dennis Bampton of Saint Charles, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Carl Bearden
District No. 16

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3948, adopted August 30, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker